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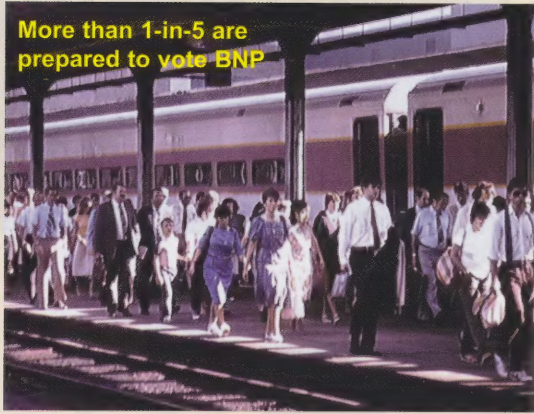


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The MonthsNEWS

More than 1-in-5 are prepared to vote BNP



● POLL SHOWS THAT 22% OF THE BRITISH POPULATION WOULD VOTE FOR A PARTY LIKE THE BNP

MORE than a fifth of people in Britain say they would vote for a strongly nationalist party which adopted tough anti-immigration policies, a poll for The Sunday Times has shown. The poll, carried out by YouGov, the online polling experts, shows that 22% of people say they would vote for a credible party that offered both to withdraw Britain from the EU and impose far-reaching anti-immigration policies.

More than half of those questioned - 53% - agreed with the statement that "the British political establishment needs the same kind of kick as Le Pen delivered in France". Two-thirds - 66% - think that mainstream politicians in Britain do not do enough to address the concerns of voters worried about immigration. A slightly higher proportion - 67% - would like to see the government adopt tougher policies on asylum seekers.

A third of people questioned predicted the rise of nationalist politics in Britain, as has happened elsewhere in Europe, with 33% saying it is "very likely" or "likely" that such a party could become popular.

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The biggest backing for Le Pen-type politics in Britain comes from Tory supporters, 41% of whom say they would back an anti-EU, anti-immigration party. But 9% of Labour supporters and 14% of Lib Dems also say they would support it.

● BLAIR NOT HONEST OR TRUSTWORTHY SAYS POLL

A newspaper poll suggests there has been a dramatic drop in the number of people who think Tony Blair is honest and trustworthy. The on-line poll for the Daily Telegraph found that only 31% of people agreed the Prime Minister merited the description "honest and trustworthy". Four years ago in 1998 when the same question was asked, Mr Blair got 77% backing. The latest survey also found that 77% of people believe he too often gives the impression of wanting to please everybody, and 71% said he relies too heavily on spin doctors and PR men.

● CRIME CONTINUES TO SOAR IN LONDON

Muggers struck 190 times a day in London last year as street crime reached record levels, Scotland Yard has disclosed. Street crime, including muggings, has risen by 38 per cent to 69,987 offences recorded by police. In 2000-01, there were 50,607 muggings. Rises in street crime are also expected to be reported later this spring, when the big urban forces outside London release their crime figures.

The new figures also show a worrying leap in almost every type of crime in London with recorded crimes leaping to a record 1,057,360 in 2001-02. Sex offences showed a 13 per cent rise from 8,759 to 9,944 cases. The figure includes a 14 per cent rise in rapes to 2,498 this year.

Violent crime has risen by nearly 4 per cent, from 155,276 crimes to

161,359. The murder rate is the highest for more than a decade and covers a year when London was not the target of a fatal terrorist attack. The rise is thought to reflect the growing frequency of gun violence among black men.

Domestic burglaries have risen by more than 5 per cent to 73,931 offences and the latest figures show a 4.8 per cent rise in car crime to

177,188 crimes. Theft offences have increased to 443,572 crimes, a rise of nearly 7 per cent.

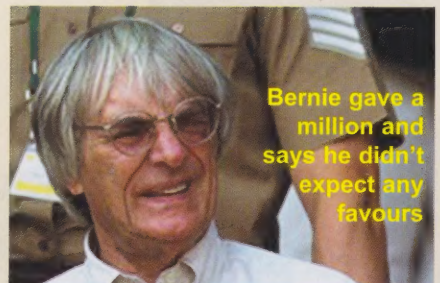
Meanwhile, overall police detection rates fell from 15 per cent to 14 per cent. The clear-up rate for car crime was 4.5 per cent and only 8 per cent for street crime.

● NEW 'CASH FOR ACCESS' SCANDAL SULLIES NEW LABOUR

LORD LEVY, Tony Blair's trusted adviser, tennis partner and special envoy to Israel, has reportedly been paid round £350,000 by an international property giant seeking planning permission to develop shopping malls across Britain.

The payment, made to Levy in January, came from Westfield, one of the world's largest retail developers which is attempting to push through plans to expand seven inner-city shopping centres in this country. Levy's retainer threatens to spark a new "cash for access" row in the Commons. Peter Allen, the head of Westfield's UK arm, confirmed he had access to senior government figures. "I'm developing relationships with ministers," he said. "I have been to different Labour party events at Downing Street."

In March, Westfield representatives met Lord Falconer, minister for housing, planning and regeneration, who toured the company's shopping centre in Swindon, which has been earmarked by the government for urban regeneration. Ministers have the ultimate say in deciding planning



Bernie gave a million and says he didn't expect any favours

issues and can overrule local objections

Levy, who has no obvious expertise in developing shopping malls, has not revealed the payment in the register of Lords' interests and Norman Baker, the Liberal Democrat MP for Lewes, has called on Blair to sack Levy as his special envoy. "It appears that Lord Levy has been trading on his status as the prime minister's friend," he said. "It is hard to believe that a former music promoter could command such a fee for that type of work for any other reason."

Joining The Winning Team

**"The question isn't
'could it happen here?'
but 'is it already
happening here?'"**



Amid all the left-liberal hysteria about Jean-Marie Le Pen's stunning first round Presidential election victory, and the advances being made by the British National Party, this question, posed by the BBC on its Online news service, indicates more than anything just how much progress we have been making. Just a couple of short years ago, it would have been unthinkable for anyone to ask such a thing in an Establishment media outlet. We knew that we had the potential to make the jump from despised fringe to feared alternative, but no Establishment commentator would have understood this, let alone dared to put the thought into print.

But now they know different. We've just taken on - and beaten - the entire British Establishment. We haven't just faced down and defeated the Daily Express and the far-left fanatics of the Anti-'Nazi' League. Every single national newspaper, from the heavyweights down to the Sun and the Daily Star, also lined up against us. Wave after wave of smears crashed over us courtesy of the TV and radio channels. The leaders of all three old parties joined together not just to condemn us but even to tell their supporters to vote for their supposed 'rivals' if it would help to "stop the BNP." Then we had the outrageous bias and illegal antics of local council officers involved in the mechanics of running the election.

In Burnley, for example, where each elector had up to three votes, and with three seats up for grabs in each ward, our campaign literature urged supporters to "use just one vote, and make it count." Yet council officials in several polling stations told numerous electors as they handed them their ballot papers that they had to use all three votes, and that a single vote would be disqualified. This outrageous lie may well have cost us a seat in at least one ward.

In Oldham, the dirty tricks included polling officials leaving copies of newspapers urging voters to reject the BNP on full view next to the ballot boxes, massive postal vote fraud by Labour and the Lib-Dems; the printing of the wrong BNP logo on all the ballot papers, and allowing opposition 'vote-snatchers' to intimidate voters outside polling stations.

All over the country, our candidates faced a far-left/Labour alliance which flagrantly broke the Electoral Commission's new rules on the

amount of money which can be spent by organisations not contesting the election themselves but seeking to influence the result by attacking a party which is.

All these things are now the subject of official complaints. The Labour party is under investigation by the police for its role in this undemocratic Zimbabwe-style farce. Meanwhile the BNP has already commissioned a senior barrister to provide a formal opinion on whether any of the breaches of electoral law can be used to overturn the results in key wards where we narrowly missed winning, thus forcing by-elections which we could well win.

But whether or not that approach succeeds, the fact is that, despite such overwhelming, undemocratic and bitter opposition, we still managed to produce far and away the best set of election results ever won by any pro-white, pro-national party in British history. That we have achieved this remarkable result at a time of unparalleled general material prosperity only adds to the true significance of what we have just achieved. As one of our bitterest enemies, Phil Woolas Labour MP for Oldham, has admitted in the face of the BNP successes: "This is much deeper than people realise. It took Le Pen 15 years to break through, and Nick Griffin is capable of doing that..."

So the stage is now set for a period of extraordinary growth for the BNP. Our media profile is outstanding, our credibility has gone through the roof, our morale and determination to do even better are higher than ever. With another wave of important local elections due next year, and then with the London Assembly and European elections being run with Proportional Representation twelve months after that, we have a very real chance of rolling from breakthrough to breakthrough.

Every month so far this year has seen our membership income up massively over the figures for last year - which was itself very healthy. In terms of numbers, and in terms of the quality of the people involved, the BNP is now far bigger than at any time in its history. "It" is indeed starting to happen in Britain at long last. Now we've started winning we're going to keep on winning. The only question is whether you can afford to miss out on our successes or whether you want to be part of our winning team.



Jubilant BNP
candidates
and
Councillors in
Burnley

Where we go from here

BNP Director of
Group Development
Anthony Lecomber
looks at the road ahead
of us and new goals

There are two aspects to this question. The first is in terms of developing policy, supporting our new councillors and developing council-related strategies. The second relates to our continuing election strategy. I will deal with the latter.

It was, of course, entirely possible that, despite all our hopes, the party wouldn't win a seat anywhere. This possibility was discussed a fortnight before the election by the party leadership. As any responsible leadership should do, contingency plans were discussed in the event of us both winning and losing.

It is right and natural that in the event of our victories the party will rejoice and that activists in the areas contested take a few weeks off to calm the mind and ease the blisters. Nevertheless, when the celebrations have run their course, we need to be clear about two things.

First, we were fortunate indeed that boundary changes meant that all Burnley's council seats came up for grabs at the same time. Had they not done so, there is no doubt that we would not have been able to make a breakthrough. Not that this need unduly worry us. Now that the party has broken through, the political landscape will begin to change. The establishment parties will begin to ape our language, as David Blunkett -with his swamped speech- has already begun to do. This will increase our legitimacy and prove us to have been right all along.

Furthermore, we will be recognised as the genuine article while they will be perceived as the cheap imitations. The crucial importance of breaking through the wasted vote syndrome cannot be over emphasised. There are towns now all over the country where we can build upon results and win and come from nowhere to do the same thing. At last, the British National Party has made the transformation to being the Winning Party! Our votes will rise - but only if worked hard and skilfully for, since they won't rise by themselves.

Second, the unprecedented smear campaign - lasting for two weeks and clearly co-ordinated - nearly succeeded in twisting the democratic process by denying people, desperate to see change, a legitimate alternative in the shape of the British National Party. One of the reasons it didn't, is because the smears and lies had to be spread thinner than ever before - over 68 candidates. This represents a doubling of our 1998 total (when London last went to the polls) which was itself more than in 1994 when there was last a prospect of a BNP victory. Then, fighting on a narrow front, the party was halted. This time, with so many candidates, target wards and towns, it was not possible to do so.

The good news is that the affect of the press will not be nearly as bad next time for three reasons. First, we will be more careful with our choice of candidates. Second, we will have more candidates; and third, our successful Councillors will prove a credit to our party.

This and the realisation that the world has not fallen in on Burnley, plus the fact that the political landscape will have changed - moving closer towards us-- will mean that the press will not be able to run the kind of hysterical coverage that it did this time. The Express in particular looked as if a militant child had suddenly been promoted to editor and let loose on the front page and much of the inside.

The boundary changes in Burnley meant that instead of just one seat coming up for election, they all did. The formula to decide which successful councillor comes up for re-election is as follows. The 3rd placed councillor gets a one-year term; the 2nd placed councillor gets a two-year term and the first placed councillor gets 4 years (3 years being when there are no District elections). With fifteen wards up for grabs, the reality was that our still small party could only find 13 candidates in Burnley. Even this tally is a credit to what is still a very new branch of only three years standing. Indeed, Labour was the only party to field a full slate in every ward.

The mechanics of this meant that not only could BNP voters - a core 20% within the town - register a vote for the party, but so could Labour and Independent voters by making 2 votes for their usual allegiance and one vote BNP. Vote sharing like this can propel a good candidate with a good campaign from 4th place to a winning 3rd or even 2nd - as happened to David Edwards in Cliviger-with-Worsthorne ward in Burnley.

At one point in the count in my hometown of Ilford, Redbridge in East London, our candidate for Hainault ward, Jason Douglas, appeared to also be in with a shout of winning in exactly the same way. As word spread of a possible upset, a veritable scrum developed around the table. In the end, Jason didn't manage to win but came fairly close - and from nowhere!

Even so, to do that in what had been a solid Labour ward (shifting dramatically to the Conservatives on the night) was an achievement by itself. Once again shared voting helped and indeed was calculated to push our vote up since we stood another candidate in another ward, calculating the same there. We could have put both candidates in the same ward and halved our workload - as we did in neighbouring Waltham Forest in Chingford Green ward but, while sharing occurred there too - which I personally witnessed -- each BNP candidate there received an average of only half the possible shared votes.

Elsewhere party candidates gave Labour a real fright. Sunderland was one such area coming from 5-10% of the vote to get a best vote of 28% and an average 18% across six seats. These were in one seat wards. These results are among the best anywhere - and achieved by quite small teams.

That is the background. So, to return to the article heading, where do we go from here? Firstly, we need to recognise from the different cases in Sunderland and Hainault (never before contested) that while victory is possible with a previous 20% or so poll, so too is victory from almost nowhere - Cliviger-with-Worsthorne and Gannow had never been contested before either. Naturally, for such an event to happen, all the circumstances must be right - the candidates, the issues involved and the presence of a good and preferably large and experienced campaign team.

Secondly, we need to learn the lesson that more (candidates) is better. While it was a party tactic to concentrate our campaigns for this election to produce the best results, we wanted to nevertheless field as many candidates as possible. This was for three reasons. First, we wanted to increase our pool of candidates. Second, we wanted to verse candidates, organisers and election agents in the art of essential form filling, and third we wanted to field as many candidates as possible to divert at least some attention away from where we could win.

Next year we have more council elections. We must strive to build upon our breakthrough and widen the beachhead. In Burnley yes, but also in other towns and cities. This means that we must up the numbers of candidates massively. This year we fielded 68 candidates. Next year London, which provided 22 of those candidates, does not go to the polls so we're immediately down to 46. I'm also very pleased

**BNP Chairman Nick Griffin
salutes victory in Burnley**





David Edwards BNP council group leader

to say that we're down one more in Burnley since David Edwards came second and secured a 2-year term. That makes 45. Other victorious candidates in Burnley -

Carol Hughes in Rosegrove with Lowerhouse ward and Terrence Grogan in Gannow ward came third and so are up for re-election again anyway.

Next year we must more than double that 45. Next year we need to field more than 100 candidates. We must not become the Burnley party in the same way that we became the Tower Hamlets party in 1993-1994. That road leads to ruin. The whole weight of the establishment will be upon Burnley next year and while we must strive there, we must breakthrough elsewhere. To do that we must contest at least 100 seats.

While a doubling seems hard, it is not. As the world has demonstrably not come to an end for our successful councillors, more will come forward - from the ranks of those who could but didn't stand this time, and also from the ranks of those new to our party - which hasn't

stopped recruiting since last Summer.

In addition there are areas of the UK that didn't or couldn't put up this time, which will be doing so next time. N. Ireland, Teeside, S. Wales, the South West and the East Midlands (one by-election apart) are all included on this list. All areas that put up this time (London apart) must dramatically up the numbers standing - Yorkshire and the Home Counties in particular. Together, all of us pulling as one, we can do it.

Another and most important reason to up the numbers is that the more candidates that stand for the party, the more chance there is of contesting - quite by accident - a fruitful hotspot of support which could generate a surprise win. This isn't just so between different towns but within towns as well. Who would have thought that affluent Cliviger-with-Worsthorne would produce our best result in Burnley? It's not just a matter of providing cover for winnable areas. It's also about finding and winning those winnable areas.

Next year, we must contest at least 100 seats and if we can do it, we should contest 200 seats. Sitting around is no longer an option. Too often, nationalists have spoken of 'tomorrow'. That is all old hat.

THE TIME IS NOW!



Carol Hughes

PROGRESS FUND

After the most fantastic election ever for British Nationalism, the British National Party is faced with a welcome problem - supporting our new councillors. In addition, the party is seeking legal advice on electoral fraud in Oldham and possibly in Burnley too. In addition, as the party is growing, more needs to be done - more travelling, more organising, bigger phone bills, more postage.

Success in Burnley means that Burnley BNP need a digital duplicator all of its own. It has been agreed that the party nationally will find £1,000 for this if Burnley BNP can match it. Counsel's opinion on electoral fraud will also cost around £1,000. £2,000 also needs to be raised for the party's legal fund -

something that needs to be built up to enable the BNP to aggressively pursue the criminals that oppose our party.

Many people forget that just to keep functioning day to day, the party needs money and £5,000 is being earmarked for general expenses including the organising of new groups for extra potential. Lastly £3,000 is being set aside for security. There are all sorts of crazies out there and the party must not be caught unprepared.

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LETTERS

I am very surprised that you didn't stand candidates in my area. I was wondering why this was as I live in Brent & Harrow and I am, as you probably know, one of the ethnic minorities here. I feel like a stranger in my own country. Schools have only one white child to a class of over 30. Can you imagine what it is like for that child, when all the other children around him/her are speaking in their own language, and their mothers have been told not to put ham in their kid's packed lunches, as it will offend Muslims.

We also have a massive new Muslim mosque, being built in Harrow, and in Kenton there is a Hindu temple as I look out of my window. If I didn't know differently, I would think I was in Asia. I have been spat on and called 'white dog shit' by Asian youths. When I reported it to the police, nothing was done about it. Had the situation been reversed I expect it would have been headline news.

We also have an influx here of asylum seekers, and the council have turned old people out of the residential homes they have lived in for years. Old people in their 80's and 90's who have fought for us in 2 world wars were sent to other boroughs. Many couldn't take the change and sadly died. Many local residents, myself included, went to council meetings to see if we could get it stopped but we were branded as racists after uttering our first sentence. We have BIG problems here in Brent and Harrow, the borough is a vile place to live, so why aren't you getting anyone here to represent how we feel, so we can express it at the ballot box?

Yes I would like to read more about the BNP. I never make judgements about anything until I have read all about what you intend to do for England, and the English people, whose opinions seem to count for nothing these days.

Jenny, Kenton

Sir - I am an American citizen of British ancestry, and I am very interested in your organisation. Could you please send me the information pack as well as information on how I can help support you? Thank you.

Andrew Powles, Internet USA

Just in case you don't know, I believe the BNP is attracting a huge amount of interest here in the South of England - even though we are relatively insulated from the immigrant problem, at present. The BNP is increasingly a topic of conversation (in pubs for example) and people of all social classes are expressing a wish to see BNP candidates in this part of the world (I live on the South coast).

However, all too often, people are reticent in expressing such views because they feel they are "going out on a limb", and have been made to feel nervous about speaking frankly. This disgraceful suppression of free speech is undoubtedly due to the brainwashing effect of the media cam-

paign and, to a lesser extent, the anti-BNP propaganda promulgated by the three major parties.

Don Hiscock, South coast

Just a few words to say congratulations on a great night for the BNP. It really was a remarkable result in both Burnley and Oldham considering all the adverse publicity that the BNP had to endure during the campaign.

The British people in the north west of England have suffered and been down trodden for long enough. I sense that things are changing for the better.

I also now think that we will see who the real racists and bigots are in this country. It certainly isn't the British people of Burnley and Oldham, that's for sure.

Once again well done and thank you for acting on behalf of the real people of Britain.

Mr M Clegg, Blackburn.

I watched sky news the other day. Why is it all these parties think the BNP is racist? Is it racist to be patriotic? Not at all, if you ask me they're scared because your party speaks the truth about this country and are not scared about it. This is how I am - not afraid to speak the truth.

Thanks very much for offering the good British people a future. Your party is on the move, this is great news! I can't wait till you come to my area. Until you do I will not vote. I would like to congratulate you once again. Good job!

Paul Graham, Hyde, Cheshire

Please send info with details of events, clubs, contacts and how to join the BNP as the recent surge of "lowlife scrounging criminals" immigrating to my area of Sheffield has become more than I can bear. I never felt that an Englishman had to be white or Christian but the new wave don't even try to live in our society, but rather change things so we live in theirs. How can this be? Today my 9-year-old daughter came home from school and announced that St George could not exist as he was the martyr of a false god. This was not gossip in the playground, it was in a lesson from her R.E. teacher! I feel that political policy must change and would welcome any advice to pursue this matter. Thank you

Simon Walker, Sheffield

I, as a Muslim living in the UK, would like to say that I do agree with your party's policy of serving the British native people first and with many other of your ideas. I do not want to stay in Britain, and like many others want to move to the Arabian Peninsula. Hopefully I will leave, and leave this country to the native people.

It is not possible for an outsider like myself to live in a foreign country where traditions and way of life differs so much to what we are used to.

Bin Laden and the like, are nothing but hypocrites and they are from a different

Islamic sect known as Wahabi/Salafi. Their aim is to wipe out Islam as it was known 100 years ago, and it seems that they are succeeding.

All I want is for the government to aid us in migrating to our homelands, where the situation is stable. I would be prepared to surrender my British Passport if the UK government provides me with guidance and ways of migrating to another country from where we will have no reason to return to Britain.

This could be done by leaving the governing of foreign countries to themselves and also moving out of such countries as Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Middle East.

Let's hope the UK stops asylum seekers and immigration, and encourages us to move to our respected lands. But first they must stop interfering in other countries' internal affairs, an action which directly results in asylum seekers.

Al Najran

What I find outrageous about Labour is the fact that it takes people for granted. So many people today merely vote Labour because their grandparents and parents did, still believing the Labour Party to 'being the party for the working class'. The result is that lazy or self-serving councillors are secured their political posts.

We have one councillor in this town who is an unashamedly self-proclaimed fan of Stalin but he gets elected standing for Labour. Indeed, this is how Tony Blair himself is where he is now. His constituency is about the most secure Labour seat in the whole country. The Sedgefield electorate have been complaining that he never does anything or them except put in the odd appearance at the Working Men's club with a pint in his hand for a photograph and PR opportunity. But still they carry on voting for him and all the Labour and Stalinist councillors despite all these genuine moans and groans. They seem afraid to break out of this party straightjacket.

Bethany Robinson, Co. Durham.

The latest example of vandalism in Dorset, took place at Wareham, where the page of a book of condolence, in memory of Her Majesty, the Queen Mother, was defaced with obscenities scrawled across it, then torn out and flung in the gutter by vandals.

This is the extent to which today's sick society has descended. Is it surprising, considering what weak and worthless politicians, of all the major parties, have floated to the fore in our nation's Parliament? Until we see punishments which fit the crime, we can expect such outrages, which erode Britain's integrity and make it a disgrace, instead of being a country to be proud of. Keep up the call for zero tolerance to crime.

I'm grateful that at least one party has the gut to speak out for what the majority of the nation wants.

Paul Ellis, Dorset

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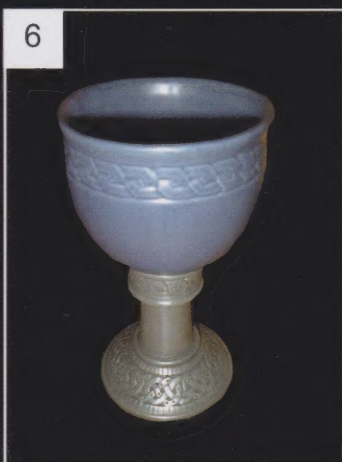


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Hero of the Ice

Stephen MCDONALD rediscovers the heroism of Arctic explorer Sir John Franklin

It is hard to find real heroes outside of the British National Party in 2002. It is, after all, "Blair's Britain" where dishonesty and "spin" dominate everything from business to local politics and even sport. "Heroes" are not to be confused with today's "celebrities" who have been manufactured by Hollywood or Wapping. However our homelands once gave rise to real heroes, confident and skilled individuals who were larger than life, ready to boldly take on all the challenges that Life could throw at them. Here is the tale of one such hero.

In the middle of the Lincolnshire town of Louth is a statue that dominates the once thriving market place. It is of one of 19th Century Britain's greatest explorers and adventurers; John Franklin. This son of Lincolnshire, who was born in 1786, joined the Royal Navy at the age of 14 and fought in two of the greatest European sea battles: Copenhagen in 1801 and Trafalgar in 1805. At the latter Midshipman Franklin served in charge of signals on board the Bellerophon. The battle saw great loss of life and of the 40 people around him on the poopdeck; all but eight were either killed or wounded. He also saw fighting action in the

American colonies as lieutenant on board the Bedford. On 14 December 1814 her boats joined in the capture of five American gun-vessels anchored off the Louisiana coast.

Arctic adventures

Despite his military endeavours Franklin is best known as an early explorer of the Arctic and his first journey to that area came in 1818 when he was commissioned to set sail for Spitsbergen as part of a larger effort by the Royal Navy to explore and map new trading routes. He documented the island which was teeming with birdlife. Birds and reindeer kept the expedition party well fed.

During his second journey, this time to the Canadian Arctic, he earned the bizarre reputation as "the man who ate his boots" because in 1819 he and his companions suffered incredible hardship, battled against ferocious weather and eventually ran out of food. They survived by licking the lichen and chewing the leather from their boots! When Franklin returned to England, the public were enraptured by the stories of the

"They forged the last link with their lives"
by artist Thomas Smith.



terrible journey and he became a national hero. His third expedition was a great success. He not only mapped 1,200 miles of coastline, but collected information on geology and weather, as well as making notes on 663 plants.

In 1829 he was awarded the Geographic Society Gold Medal and was knighted by King George IV, and in fitting tribute the loyal people of Spilsby, his Lincolnshire birthplace, also presented him with a silver plate.

A man of learning and culture

In 1836 Franklin was appointed Governor of Tasmania. During the politically turbulent years of his seven-year long tenure he strove to promote the development of cultural pursuits in a colony made up of brutalised convicts, Aborigines, and free settlers. Amongst his many achievements was the founding of a State education system so that during his period in office Tasmania became the intellectual hub of the Australian colonies. His wife Lady Franklin established a private botanic garden near Hobart specialising in Tasmanian native plants. She actively promoted scientific endeavours and strongly influenced her husband to establish the Tasmanian Natural History Society (which later became the first scientific Royal Society to be established outside Britain)

In 1845, when he was 59 years old, Sir John Franklin offered to lead another expedition to the Arctic to search for the North-West Passage. Despite being retired from Arctic exploration for 20 years everyone thought that he was the best man for the job and there was no shortage of volunteers to accompany him.

Final voyage

Franklin took two ships; the Erebus and the Terror which set sail from Greenhithe in Kent on 19 May 1845. Although sailing ships, they had been fitted with small steam engines and a propeller to aid their progress through the ice, along with sheets of iron fitted to the front (bow) of each ship. The ships had enough coal for 12 days and the engines would only be used for breaking a path through the ice. Franklin's crew was made up of 129 officers and men from the Royal Navy. Supplies of food, clothing, tobacco and rum and over 2,000 books were stowed on the ships. There was enough food to last 3 years. The expedition took 8,000 cans of food.

On July 26, the captain of a whaling ship

saw them off the coast of Baffin Island. This is the last time the ships or men were ever seen. It was 12 years before their fate was known. During these years Franklin's devastated widow spent all her fortune organising ships to search for the missing party. Finally she received confirmation that her husband had died on Beechy Island in July 1847. It was assumed he died from natural causes and the rest of the party by disease and starvation. Several suggestions have been put forward and one theory is that the probable cause was lead poisoning from faulty cans of food.

Tragic ending

The sad story of what happened to Franklin and his crew was gradually discovered by over 39 search expeditions. During the remainder of 1845 the Erebus and Terror explored the coast. They spent the winter of 1845-6 on Beechy Island. They continued exploring when summer came and the sea was less frozen. During the winter of 1846-7, the ships became trapped in thick ice and even when summer came they were unable to escape. In June 1847, Franklin died and, by April 1848, 21 of the men had died. Captain Crozier, who had taken command of the expedition, decided to leave the ships and travel south. Using two boats as sledges, Crozier and the crew set out to find help. By now the men were weak from hunger and very ill. The party split up. Some of the weakest men headed back to the ship to await rescue; some of the fittest went on ahead for help and others followed at their own speed. All of the men died.

A tragic ending but in life Sir John Franklin was scholar, leader of men, explorer and an inspiration to all around him. "What we do in life echoes in eternity"



Sir John Franklin,
artic explorer.

ANTHONY C. LOBAIDO

The Killing Field



White victim of Mugabe's Ethnic Cleansing

"This is a great victory against white colonialists.

Soon we will cleanse

Namibia and then South Africa of all Europeans

and whites." - A

Namibian commenting on the election of Zimbabwe

President Robert Mugabe.

WINDHOEK, Namibia - The recent election of Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe, widely condemned as fraudulent by outside observers, has given the strongman a platform to continue to crackdown on his opponents - both black and white - as the nation grows closer to a full-fledged famine accompanied by increasing anarchy.

Some observers believe the dictator's recent "victory" has spiraled the nation to perhaps the point of no return. The Movement for Democratic Change, or MDC, is Mugabe's main opponent in Zimbabwe. They have thus far refused to form a coalition government with Mugabe's ruling ZANU - PF Party.

As Mugabe's land confiscation policy has driven white farmers off their land, a famine is coming to the nation. Scores of Zimbabweans are heading for South Africa, creating a refugee crisis in a nation that already has lost control of its *vreemdelingeheer*, Afrikaans for "border influx control."

Says Nina Van der Hausen, a South African policewoman in Cape Town, "The Marxist leaders in Namibia, South Africa and Angola are watching Mugabe's terror tactics go unchallenged by the West, and this only eggs them on to do the

same, I'm afraid."

Mugabe recently passed a law in Parliament banning all foreign journalists from the nation. News is hard to come by. Last week, the British Daily Telegraph's Zimbabwe correspondent, Peta Thornycroft, was jailed by Mugabe under new security laws. Thornycroft, a 57-year-old woman, is being held by Central Intelligence Organisation in Chimanimani, east of Harare, according to her lawyer, Tapiwanashe Kujinga.

Mugabe ordered the arrests of Daily News editor Geoffrey Nyarota last week for running what Information Minister Jonathan Moyo called a "patently false" story in Zimbabwe's only independent daily paper. Nyarota had written a story stating that a meeting of parliamentarians from the African, Caribbean and Pacific organisation and European Union had jointly agreed on a resolution calling for a redo of Zimbabwe's recent election.

How is Mugabe kept in power, many may wonder. To begin with, Mugabe is backed by a series of "White Angels" in the UK who fund and lauder his many African adventures and financial operations. Mugabe is heavily involved in fighting UNITA in Angola and in the Marxist Congo, where he has lucrative mining deals going on.

Is of Zimbabwe

South African military intelligence officer Pieter Coetzee told WorldNetDaily, "Famine aid will surely come to Zimbabwe, and the West's powerful food conglomerates, through the United Nations, will surely profit. Mugabe makes money from sanctions, farming, famine, mining, ivory, drug laundering - you name it."

Last week, Zimbabwe's financial minister, Simba Makoni, issued a public statement in which he said he would revise Zimbabwe's budget to find money to feed the country's citizens. Makoni said that preliminary forecasts showed that Zimbabwe would need to import more maize and other grains than was anticipated when the budget was presented last November.

Under White rule until 1979, Zimbabwe, then known as Rhodesia, was a net exporter of grain. Times have changed, however. Makoni's public statement said that Mugabe's government has so far spent about US\$37 million on imports of maize and grain. Even Mugabe's own government officials say that over 50,000 Zimbabweans will

need food assistance. That figure, say international agencies, is grossly underestimated.

One British SAS commander, who asked that his name not be revealed due to political considerations, told WND, "The Labour Party [in the UK] supports Mugabe. The Conservative Party does nothing. The British army is apolitical, but in reality, our troops get sent overseas to Sierra Leone to guard diamond mines owned by our wealthy countrymen when Tony Blair should be sending us into Zimbabwe to put the MDC into power."

Former South African civil servant Alan Grieve commented that the ANC government of South Africa "is unlikely to pressure Mugabe. South Africa's leaders are not elected by popular vote. South Africans vote for a party, not an individual. Even Nelson Mandela called this phenomenon 'a serious flaw' in South Africa's new dispensation. Mugabe can tell [South African President] Mbeki that he [Mugabe] has been popularly elected, while Mbeki was not."

FROM INSIDE ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwean Cathy Buckle, a white farmer who has survived Mugabe's farm invasions and chosen to remain inside the country, reports that conditions are worsening in Zimbabwe.

"The picture on the front page of this week's Zimbabwe Independent is gruesome and shocking. It is of murdered farmer Terry Ford, lying in a pool of blood, his body covered from top to bottom in wounds and bruises. Terry, trying to escape from his farm, was overrun by a mob, caught, tied to a tree, bludgeoned and then shot," she told WorldNetDaily.

"Terry's family were brave enough to allow the world's cameras in to expose this horror, but his murder is only one of seven that have taken place in the last 10 days [at the hands of Mugabe supporters.]"

Those seven, Buckle said, are Terry Ford, Ernest Gatsi (MDC activist beaten to death), Tafi Gwaze (MDC polling agent - abducted, tortured and beaten to death), Laurence Kuheya (MDC

activist), Funny Mahuni (MDC supporter), Owen Manyara (MDC activist - beaten to death), and Darlington Vikaveka (farm security guard - beaten to death).

"In each case, the brutality has been barbaric in the extreme, and I offer my condolences to the families and friends of them all. In addition, scores of people have been beaten. A dozen



Mugabe: Inciter of murderous anti-White violence



White victims of Mugabe's racist violence

dozen farms have been looted or trashed, and an estimated 1,200 MDC polling agents have been displaced from their homes and are on the run, being hounded by government supporters who seem intent on hunting down anyone who dared differ in our recent elections," Buckle said.

Buckle told WorldNetDaily that the only comfort for ordinary Zimbabweans "is that world pressure is mounting."

"We have been suspended from the commonwealth council for a year. Denmark has closed its embassy in Harare and suspended all development aid, and Switzerland has imposed travel and financial bans on President Mugabe and other top government officials. We all know

that the horrors in Zimbabwe cannot and will not last, and each day has become one of survival. I continue to wear a tattered and frayed yellow ribbon on my chest in support of all who are suffering and in silent protest of anarchy."

Says Herman Davids, a white Zimbabwean farmer who recently fled Harare with his family to come to Cape Town to live with relatives, "Mugabe has killed Zimbabwe." "Where is the West?" Davids asked. "Where is President Bush and Colin Powell on this issue? We are bleeding and dying in Zimbabwe while the world does nothing. It's almost as if the West has an unwritten agreement with the communists to hand over control of all of Africa to interests hostile to the West. Only God knows why."

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Identity interviews Burnley Election Campaign Manager **MARTIN WINGFIELD**



"We have the policies that a majority of the British people would feel very comfortable supporting."

1) Tell us a little bit about yourself and your family

I am 51 years-old this month and married to Tina. We met in 1983 when we both worked for the old National Front. I have two daughters Haesel aged 15 and Emily (13) and a son, John (10).

We live in Cumbria where I work as a freelance journalist. I also trade in books about the Vietnam War.

I have written six books about the history of football - one of which was reviewed in 'The Times' and described as "skilfully chronicled". I am at present researching for a book on Ngo Dinh Diem, the Vietnamese nationalist leader who was assassinated by an American-led coup in South Vietnam in November 1963.

Tina is in the final year of her Social Sciences (Honours) Degree.

(2) What about your political experience?

I joined the old Liberal Party while at Steyning Grammar School and stayed within their ranks until 1974, campaigning for their candidate in Worthing, Michael Foley, in the first General Election that year.

I joined the National Front in 1975 and was a member for 20 years. I moved to France in 1995 but returned to Britain in 1999.

(3) What made you decide to get

back involved in politics?

The results in Oldham at last year's General Election. It's as simple as that. I had despaired of nationalist politics because I thought we would never make the breakthrough. The Oldham results made me think again.

(4) What attracted you to join the BNP at the time you did?

The party had changed. It was now putting forward policies that were acceptable to the vast majority of the electorate. You have to move forward and adapt to stay competitive in politics and the BNP were suddenly looking a modern, challenging political party.

(5) What is the fundamental reason for your involvement in the BNP?

For the last 30 years we have been providing a 'land of milk and honey' for economic migrants from the other side of the world who have nothing in common with the British people and are only here to latch on to our benefit system.

The British National Party stands alone as the only political party prepared to tackle this emotive issue without being hindered by today's politically correct baggage.

(6) What would you say are Nick

Griffin's main qualities as BNP leader?

He's very media friendly and is an excellent spokesman for the party. In the early hours of Friday morning in Burnley he took on the world's press, deftly fielding the usual hostile questions and getting our message over to the public. Nick provides a very acceptable face of British Nationalism and is a massive asset to the party.

(7) How did you become involved in the Burnley campaign?

Burnley's excellent organiser, Steve Smith, was put out of the picture so I was 'bussed in' to help Deputy Organiser, Simon Bennett, prepare for the elections. Thankfully Steve was back by March, but things were going so well that I got 'leave of absence' to stay on till polling day. It was a great campaign because we had courageous candidates and a dedicated team of helpers.

(8) Why has the Burnley Bravepages website proved so successful?

Because it was updated every day and was full of local political issues. The real work of the website was done before the close of nominations. It was launched on December 5th and was advertised only in Burnley. Although in the beginning we were only getting 50-odd visits a day, we knew they were Burnley voters. By April this was up to 200 a day and all still, in the main, from Burnley. Once the opposition were on our trail



we knew we were in trouble. We were closed down twice; on the second occasion after 8,000 complaints according to the server.

On polling day we had 2,000 unique visits and over 100 e-mails from Burnley voters pledging support.

(9) What have you learned from Burnley?

Local issues and local candidates are a campaign priority, together with easy-to-read and professionally produced literature. Door step politics, chatting to people about their concerns, is the key to understanding the issues.

Canvassing in Burnley soon provided us with a good picture of what were the worries of the local people.

Fortunately for the BNP, we were the only political party that could provide the answers these people were looking for.

(10) How much more successful can the BNP become?

It very much depends on us keeping to the winning formula of the last 12 months. We have seen how our enemy attacks us and we must look to see how we can blunt these attacks. We have the policies that a majority of the British people would feel very comfortable supporting. We have just got to prove to the electorate that we are a credible political party capable of putting these policies forward. If we can do this we will become a major player on Britain's political stage.

* Martin is also the leading writer for the BNP's newspaper Freedom.

Canvassing is the key

Defending who we are

The fifth American Renaissance Conference, 'In Defense of Western Man', took place from 23rd - 24th February 2002 at the Hyatt Dulles hotel in Washington D.C. American Renaissance is an umbrella organisation led by several distinguished university professors and authors whose main aim is to preserve and promote the Western cultural heritage in the United States and beyond. The event was attended by over two hundred and fifty leading thinkers, academics, writers and political activists from across the world. BNP Chairman Nick Griffin was invited to give a keynote speech and he was accompanied by several other BNP observers.

According to Carol M. Swain a Vanderbilt University professor of political science who has written about the Western Renaissance movement, the conference represented the intellectual vanguard of a slicker and smarter nationalist right that is making inroads into the political mainstream across the world. In her opinion, the conference was symbolic of a much wider reawakening of white cultural consciousness. 'Maybe we have reached the point in history where there are legitimate white interests and maybe more and more whites are going to see that' Professor Swain commented.

John Brayshaw reports.

The event began with a short welcome on Friday from our host Jared Taylor, distinguished author and a graduate of Yale University and the Paris Institute of Political Studies. The real work then started at 09.00 on Saturday morning with a talk entitled "Immigration and National Security" by author and journalist Dr. Sam Francis. Once a leading columnist for the Washington Post, Dr. Francis was sacked in 1994 for speaking the truth about the destructive consequences of mass immigration for our culture and civilisation.

Dr. Francis gave an informative and thoughtful talk on the threat posed by Islam to Western society both prior to and in the wake of the September 11th atrocity. His main argument was that Islam has and always will be a security risk not because most Muslims are overtly evil, but rather that their culture and religion is incompatible

with modern Western society.

Even after relatively peaceful periods, Dr. Francis explained, the relationship between Islam and the West always erupts into conflict. An example of this is the former Yugoslavia where it took a communist dictatorship to try and unsuccessfully force European and Islamic cultures together. And no-one in their right mind would surely subscribe to this option voluntarily.

Islamic threat

Dr. Francis then gave specific examples of how in the past Islam had spread its reach through Western countries by bloody force of arms. He talked about the Islamic wars against the peoples of the Middle East; the Moors' invasion of Spain and how the Franks prevented them from entering France; the Muslim massacres of Christians which led to the Crusades; and the Islamic march through the Balkans right up to the gates of Vienna where Polish forces saved the whole of Europe from invasion.

Now of course, Dr Francis pointed out, the Islamic threat to the West was more insidious. There is no obvious threat of Muslim armies knocking on the door of the Western world because many of them are already here operating as a fifth column in our midst. This grave Islamic threat to our national security has to be dealt with before it's too late, he urged.

If not how long before another 11th September or worse happened to the US or other Western countries? How many more innocent civilians have to die before people can wake up and save their country from despots and terrorists? Dr. Francis concluded his talk by reminding the audience that the very nature of Islam meant that its representatives in the West would never be satisfied by participating in the democratic process or sharing power, but would only be happy when what they see as a evil decadent world is wiped off the face of the planet and replaced by their medieval religion.



Sam Francis



Jared Taylor

Being swamped

The problems facing America from the South was the subject of another talk given by Glenn Spencer a radio host of a program called "American Patrol" as well as a prominent immigration-control activist. For those of you who do not know much about the United States apart from what you see in films or on TV, it may surprise you to discover that it faces imminent danger of losing large parts of its territory through demographics, immigration and political collusion.

Mr. Spencer's talk called "The Second Mexican-American War" explained how the influx of legal and illegal immigrants to the US was leading to a situation that would put Mexicans in a majority position within our own lifetime. Mexican politicians on both sides of the border are saying openly that it is time to take back the former Spanish colonies under the slogan

"Everything for the race, nothing for those outside the race." And this from senior Mexican government members and "US" union officials who are supposed to support US union members not Mexican citizens.

This you might say would not necessary mean the US losing California or New Mexico. But recent proposals from the US government to give joint citizenship to Mexicans, and the fact that unscrupulous, vote hungry US governors are saying that it is a good thing for Mexicans to take control of their historic homelands, all means something brewing on the southern borders of the US which will have a devastating affect not only on the traditional American way of life and economy, but will almost certainly result in large scale ethnic conflict as tensions continue to rise at an alarming rate.

Anti-white violence

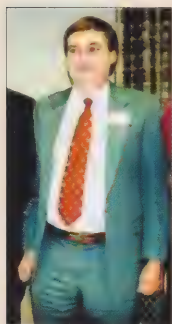
The final talk of the day was given by the host of the event Jared Taylor. Entitled "Ethnic Conflict : Race, Sex and Violence", Mr. Taylor delivered a harrowing account of racist crimes committed against whites both in Europe and the US. Unfortunately, many of these facts are too horrific to go into any great detail in this magazine so a brief outline will have to suffice.

Mr Taylor started with the story of the racist rapes that have taken place in Denmark and argued that they are part of a very clear pattern of attempted ethnic cleansing against whites across the world. He then went on to give the facts, for example, that most rapes committed in US prisons are perpetrated on white males by African American rape gangs.

He read out a number of letters from a book called "No Escape" published by Human Rights Watch an international body which, like Amnesty International, monitors government bodies for human rights violations. These letters had a threefold effect on the audience first moving them to tears in some cases, then disgust, and then a burning anger that this depraved anti-white racism is being allowed to go on under the noses of the US authorities when they and other Western governments are encouraging anti-white propaganda from academics and the media and encouraging the mythology of black oppression.

Breaking the chains

Jared Taylor concluded his speech by urging people of European descent in the US and the rest of the Western world to "break the psychological chains" which they have allowed themselves to become weighed down with. He called for the members and supporters of American Renaissance to do what the American hero Paul Reveres did to warn his compatriots during the War of Independence that the battle was approaching. Spread the word : "Awaken America" This led to a standing ovation.



Sam Dixon

Then followed a few brief words from Mr. Gordon Baum from the US Council of Conservative Citizens (a patriotic organisation with no links to the Con party in the UK) and from Mr. Lou Callabro , an ex US policeman who worked on the infamous 'Zebra case' murders. For those of you who haven't heard of these racist



Nick Griffin

murders, they involved an American "black power" group murdering dozens of white people some years ago. Mr Callabro and his associates are now pushing to have the case re-opened after the murderers were allowed to escape justice.

Then the conference came to an end for the day. After a few hours everyone met up again for the evening banquet where BNP Chairman Nick Griffin gave the guest speech.

Defending the West

Sunday morning began with a speech from Mr Frank Borzellieri, a columnist for a chain of newspapers in New York. He explained how left wing groups in the media had unsuccessfully tried to prevent his columns raising issues they would rather keep a lid on. Mr. Borzellieri also gave an interesting example of how he got involved in local politics by standing for the school board in his city. These boards have much more influence than in the UK and can affect the choice of teachers and teaching material.

Then Mr. James Russell, Dr. Francis, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Sam.G.Dickson discussed Pat Buchanan and his latest book "The Death of the West", before Sam Dickson wrapped things up by repeating Nick Griffin's call for the American right to come together under one leader in a single organisation.

It is more clear than ever that respect and admiration for the BNP is growing not only in Britain but across the world. And while we may have different approaches to some issues, the party is pleased to serve as a shining example of the way forward to our distinguished friends in the United States.

An overview of the Council Elections

by Tony Lecomber

The British National Party's first election win for nearly a decade has brought the town of Burnley to the fore with three BNP councillors. But it's not all about Burnley, since elsewhere BNP candidates marked up huge vote increases. The other big fact of this election, however, was not about seats won and increased votes & percentages it was the increase in the numbers of candidates put forward by the party.

SEATS WON

The three seats won - all in Burnley - were Cliviger-with-Worsthorne won by David Edwards with 898 votes, Gannow won by Terry Grogan with 817 votes and Rosegrove with Lowerhouse won by Carole Hughes with 751 votes. Their individual winning percentages were 12.8%, 15% and 14.4% respectively with adjusted party percentages of 28.3%, 26.8% and 33.5% (since there were three vacancies per ward and the party only stood one candidate in each).

With all the focus on deprived areas of Burnley - which have been left to rot by the establishment parties - the major upset of the night came when David Edwards won in Cliviger-with-Worsthorne. How will the pundits explain this BNP success? Not owing to a low turnout - it was high at 64%. Not owing to the Tories not standing - they did and came a poor second. Not owing to deprived whites flocking to the party - the area is affluent. Not owing to a previous good campaign in the ward - for this was a first time result. The answer is to be found in the anti-white racial discrimination practised by Burnley council for so long and by the concerns of white folk being ignored and even ridiculed. Burnley folk - middle class and working class - have a common group interest and have been ignored for years. The British National Party, on the other hand, listened.

MORE CANDIDATES

There were no Council elections last year, so 2000 is the last set of Council elections from which comparison can be made. Then, the party contested just 15 seats with 15 candidates. This time, the party fielded 67 candidates for 63 seats plus a mayoral candidate for Newham making 68 candidates altogether. Many of these candidates were in London, which goes to the polls only every four years. The last time that happened (1998), the party fielded just 34 candidates nationally, so the doubling of candidates since then is a good sign that the party's orientation towards local politics is gaining ground.

HIGHER VOTES

Starting with Burnley, the 13 candidates the party put up did exceptionally well. Aside from three won seats, the party just missed out on two more. Andrew Kenyon standing in Gawthorpe ward took 783 votes, just 85 votes behind winning Labour's Linda Gaunton. How far we've come can be judged by the fact that Andrew's 27.8% is up massively from two years ago from the 109 votes (5.1%) gained in this ward when last up for election. Sarah Sherburn was even closer - coming just 37 votes behind winning Labour man Brian Cooper in Lanehead ward with 834 votes. Again, this was a first time result. The highest



BNP individual percentage went to Burnley BNP press man Simon Bennett with 16.9%, (32.6% party adjusted) but this wasn't enough to win. Nevertheless, this was another cracking result like so many around the country on May 2nd.

The party adjusted average across Burnley was 27% - the highest ever. The 9,984 votes polled by party candidates was more than double the 4,151 polled at the General Election last year. This increased voter base plus the winning credibility the party now has will give the BNP a very solid base upon which to make its next challenge.

Oldham was another town which the party expected to do well in. The party's average vote in the five wards it contested here was higher than in winning Burnley with 27.3%, but in the event, the party failed to win a seat. Votes of 788 in Alexandra for Bill Lockett (22.9%); 965 votes for Stewart Fullard in Chadderton Sth (29.9%); 736 votes for Mick Treacy (23.9%), 973 votes for Darren Dobson in Royton Nth (24.7%) and 929 votes for Roy Goodwin (35%) were the highest ever for the party in the town. Mick Treacy's tally was more than double the 229 (9.7%) gained in 2000 and four out of five came second with Roy Goodwin just 91 behind the Lib-Dem's James McArdle. Indeed, Roy Goodwin's 35% was the party's highest percentage on the night.

Of the other results in the North West, the best was a cracking 22.9% in Abram ward in Wigan by Dennis Shambley who came a surprise second - one of the two best first time results outside of a fancied area. The regional average of 25.3% is the highest in the country and evidence that there is a lot more to come from the North West!

OUTSIDE THE NORTH WEST

The North East did the party proud by fielding nine candidates - 3 in Gateshead and 6 in Sunderland. The

BURNLEY BC BANK HALL:- Lab 1216; 1139; 1052; Lib-Dem 503; 422; BNP, Joan Dewhurst 663. BRUNSHAW:- Lab 1312; 1435; 1177 Ind 593 BNP, Simon Bennett 919. CLIVIGER WITH WORSTHORNE:- Lab 694; 678; 693; Con 1032; 801; 711; Ind 817; 666; BNP, David Edwards 898. COALCLOUGH WITH DEERPLAY:- Lab 394; 340; 265; Lib-Dem 1335; 1117; 1043; Ind 389; BNP, Leonard Starr 622. GANNOW:- Lab 882; 842; 813; Con 529; Ind 726; 690 SA 151; BNP, Terence Grogan 817. GAWTHORPE:- Lab 1012; 995; 868; Con 395; Ind 635; 723; BNP, Andrew Kenyon 783. HAPTON WITH PARK:- Lab 1140; 1095; 1043; Lib-Dem 596; Ind 605; BNP, John Kenyon 722. LANEHEAD WARD:- Lab 978; 871; 748; Lib-Dem 846; Ind 984; BNP, Sarah Sherburn 834. QUEENSGATE:- Lab 1164; 1075; 1002; Lib-Dem 852; BNP, David Haworth 781. ROSEGROVE WITH LOWERHOUSE:- Lab 841; 729; 721; Ind 751; 723; 706; BNP, Carol Hughes 751. ROSEHILL WITH BURNLEY WOOD:- Lab 1106; 1083; 1013; Con 660; Ind 890; SA 314; BNP, James Cowell 812. TRINITY:- Lab 1022; 914; 897; Lib-Dem 626; SA 273; BNP, Mark Terrell 643. WHITTLEFIELD WITH IGHTEHILL:- Lab 670; 641; 617; Con 1166; 1112; 1091; Lib-Dem 537; BNP, Mark Vickers 739. OLDHAM MBC ALEXANDRA:- Lab 1591; Con 177; Lib-Dem 226; Ind 492; Green 164; BNP, William Lockett 788. CHADDERTON SOUTH:- Lab 1575; Con 325; Lib-Dem 224; SA 139; BNP, Stewart Fullard 965. HOLLINWOOD:- Lab 1246; Lib-Dem 1094; BNP, Michael Treacy 736. ROYTON NORTH:- Lab 1836; Con 512; Lib-Dem 626; BNP, Darren Dobson 973. ST JAMES:- Lab 599; Con 105; Lib-Dem 1020; BNP, Roy Goodwin 929. WIGAN MBC ABRAM:- Lab 1631; Con 291; BNP, Dennis Shambley 571. SEFTON MBC NORWOOD:- Lab 350; Con 619; Lib-Dem 1164; Southport Party 1148; BNP, Michael McDermott 159. LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL ST MARYS:- Lab 756; Con 47; Lib-Dem 1505; Lib 99; BNP, Raymond Malone 148. GATESHEAD BC BENSAM:- Lab 1885; Con 252; Lib-Dem 262; SA 79; BNP, Kevin Scott 185. SALTWELL:- Lab 2076; Con 355; Lib-Dem 400; BNP, George Bainbridge 349. TEAMS:- Lab 2580; Con 403; Lib-Dem 522; BNP, Michael Dafter 331. SUNDERLAND CC FULLWELL:- Lab 609; Con 1863; Lib-Dem 181; BNP, Joe Dobbie Snr 148. HENDON:- Lab 1092; Con 992; BNP, David Guynan 340. SILKSWORTH:- Lab 1623; Con 484; BNP, David Rogers 141. SOUTHWICK:- Lab 933; Con 92; Lib-Dem 166; BNP, Alan Brettwood 292. THORNEYCLOSE:- Lab 1011; Con 260; BNP, Joe Dobbie Jnr 235. TOWNEND FARM:- Lab 831; Con 149; BNP, John Martin 381. LONDON BOROUGH OF BEXLEY COLYERS:- Lab 1127; 1036; 1005; Con 952; 908; 857; UKIP 160; BNP, Lawrence Rustem 184. CRAYFORD:- Lab 1078; 1024; 1132; Con 808; 801; 828; UKIP 164; BNP, John Bowles 173. ERITH:- Lab 1057; 898; 982; Con 616; 614; 608; UKIP 112; BNP, Claire Sayers 144. NORTHEND:- Lab 1401; 1341; 1298; Con 444; 452; 407; BNP, Jay Lee, James Seadon, Colin Smith 501; 502; 541; UKIP 82; EPN 38. NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH:- Lab 1178; 1161; 1102; Con 1041; 969; 950; Lib-Dem 333; 246; 236; UKIP 172; BNP, Lee Barnes 161. LB HILLINGDON HEATHROW VILLAGES:- Lab 1096; 897; 943; Con 716; 606; 646; Lib-Dem 245; 272; 169; Green 211; Ind 341; BNP, Francis McAllister 177. CHARVILLE:- Lab 1391; 1297; 1344; Con 1082; 1087; 1027; Lib-Dem 244; 203; 168; Green 181; BNP, Peter Shaw 301. HAREFIELD:- Lab 725; 636; Con 925; 758; Lib-Dem 185; 148; BNP, Ian Edward 389. LB LEWISHAM DOWNHAM:- Lab 874; 825; 772; Lib-Dem 1046; 1069; 868; Con 356; 297; 341; Green 230; BNP, Mary Culnane, Barry Roberts 462; 485. LB MERTON St. HELLIER:- Lab 958; 947; 840; Con 532; 519; 509; Green 192; 178; Lib-Dem 324; UKIP 164; BNP, Danny Ford 302. LB NEWHAM BECKTON:- Lab 945; 930; 860; Lib-Dem 369; Green 277; Con 348; BNP, Margaret Stones 217. CANNING TOWN NORTH:- Lab 948; 901; 784; CP 322; Ind 187; Green 426; SLP 122; BNP, Michael Davidson 389. ROYAL DOCKS:- Lab 433; 398; 346; Ind 196; CP 168; 103; Con 175; 159; BNP, Mark Lord 130. LB TOWER HAMLETS BETHNAL GREEN NORTH:- Lab 878; 866; 833; Con 196; 185; 167; Green 233; 202; 166; Lib-Dem 1224; 1192; 1097; SA 119; BNP, William Wren 162. MILLWALL:- Lab 1089; 986; 970; Con 446; 422; 420; Lib-Dem 313; 245; 241; SA 200; BNP, Gordon Callow 204. LB WALTHAM FOREST CHINGFORD GREEN:- Lab 508; 506; 458; Lib-Dem 664; 606; 595; Con 1821; 1814; 1721; BNP, TJ Flaxton, Glenn Hardcastle 308; 259. LB REDBRIDGE RODING:- Lab 386; 348; 334; Con 664; 693; 689; Lib-Dem 1518; 1546; 1450; BNP, Anthony Young 309. HAINAULT:- Lab 817; 771; 844; Con 1035; 984; 844; Lib-Dem 562; 456; 429; BNP, Jason Douglas 675. KIRKLEES MBC DEWSBURY EAST:- Lab 1559; Con 379; Green 61; Lib-Dem 1435; BNP, Suzy Bastow 536. DEWSBURY WEST:- Lab 1666; Con 418; Green 120; Lib-Dem 2950; BNP, David Mitchell 417. THORNHILL:- Lab 1207; Con 2326; Green 126; Lib-Dem 355; BNP, Nicholas Cass 823. BATLEY WEST:- Lab 1688; Con 406; Green 82; Lib-Dem 1645; BNP, Jonathan Pygott 438. DONCASTER MBC STAINFORTH:- Lab 1785; Con 603; Lib-Dem 845; BNP, David Owen 441. LEEDS CC HAREHILLS:- Lab 2845; Con 168; Green 99; Lib-Dem 2110; BNP, Mark Collett 209. BRADFORD MBC ECCLESHELL:- Lab 1045; Con 598; Lib-Dem 1087; Ind 90; BNP, Arthur Bentley 486. SANDWELL MBC PRINCES END:- Lab 894; Con 543; Ind 128; 79; UKIP 22; BNP, John Salvage 536. TIPTON GREEN:- Lab 2030, Con 461, FP 1070, Ind 394; SLP 154; BNP, Ken Salvage 334. BIRMINGHAM CC WEOLEY:- Lab 1716; Con 1634; Lib-Dem 523; Ind 573; BNP, Lee Windridge 351. DUDLEY MBC CASTLE & PRIORY Lab 1937; Con 423; Lib-Dem 157; SA 37; BNP, Simon Darby 549. STOKE CC LONGTON NORTH:- Lab 907; 894; 757; Con 555; Lib-Dem 690; Ind 740; 551; BNP, Steven Batkin 686. LEICESTER CC EYRES MONSELL:- Lab 905; Con 232; Green 66; SLP 22; Lib-Dem 998; BNP, Edward Scott 202. BROXBORNE BC CHESHUNT NORTH:- Lab 403; Con 752; BNP, John Cope 170. BASILDON DC VANGE:- Lab 772; 665; Con 403; 380; Lib-Dem 178; 167; BNP, Matthew Single, 189. LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM MAYORAL ELECTION Lab 20384; CP 3649; Ind 5907; Green 2691; Con 4635; BNP, Michael Davidson 2881

Key: Labour (Lab), Conservative (Con), Liberal-Democrat (Lib-Dem), British National Party (BNP), Socialist Alliance (SA), Socialist Labour Party (SLP), United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), Christian Peoples Party (CP), English Pan-Nationalist (EPN), Freedom Party (FP), Independent (Ind)

Gateshead results were solid with George Bainbridge taking 349 votes in Saltwell for a Gateshead best of 11%, making an average of 8.8% in the town.

Down the road in Sunderland, the party did even better. Dave Guynan notched up 340 votes for 14% of the vote in Hendon - more than a four-fold increase on his 3.3% 2000 result. While Alan Brettwood's 292 votes in Southwick amounted to 19.7% giving him second place, but the best result in Sunderland, and the best first time result outside of a fancied area, was John Martin's 381 votes in Townend Farm which gave him a big 28% share of the vote and an easy second place in a ward never before contested. The



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Sunderland average of 14.8% made for an overall North East average of 12.8%.

London's votes were not as high as hoped, the average being 11.8%. This is partly due to the disintegration of the party's East End branches through white flight where high votes had previously been obtained. The 22 council candidates in 15 wards and one mayoral candidate nevertheless made up a significant proportion of the party's overall election effort.

Redbridge saw the best London result of the night, taken by Jason Douglas in Hainault ward when he polled 675 votes for 23.1% - 169 votes behind the winning Tory candidate.

In Bexley, Northend was the big

Trevor AGNEW explores the rich heritage behind British Pub names

Whether we are regulars at the local pub or not, many of us can't help wondering how many of the country's alehouses got their names. And, to those in the know, many pub names can unlock doors to our history, folklore, national heroes and heroines, our natural history, dialects, trades, industries and sports.

The inns of the late Middle Ages needed something by which to identify themselves at a time when many people were illiterate, so in common with many other tradesmen, publicans would display something outside of their premises. They could for instance have planted a bush outside of their tavern or even have used something as simple as a crooked piece of wood, hence the pub would have become known as The Holly Bush or The Crooked Billet.

Even the church used such sign language in those times: St Peter carried the keys to heaven, St John always held a lamb, and so on. Inns on pilgrim routes often got their names in this way, and The Cross Keys and The Lamb remain common, although Inn signs depicting the Virgin Mary suddenly became the Maid's Head at the time of the Protestant Reformation. Other tradesmen of the time also put up signs to advertise their business, however these were often badly fixed to the walls and had a tendency to fall down on people below. Eventually legislation was brought in to forbid them, but inns were exempt from this ban.

Folklore and legends

Some pubs are named after local legends. The Lambton Worm, for example took its name from the story of the worm that Lord Lambton threw down a well before going off on the Crusades to fight the Muslims. On his return the worm was that big that it was devouring livestock and terrorising the local people. In early times in Northumbria worm meant serpent or dragon.

Another County Durham pub is The Brawns Den in Brandon.

This is named after the fierce wild boar of medieval times which lived in the area, and gave the village of Brandon its name. The Tan Hill Inn on the remote Durham/Yorkshire border is Britain's highest pub and used to be known as The Kings Pit after the nearby coal mine. The nearest village was over five miles away and in February of 1963 after a harsh winter the landlord bemoaned that he hadn't had any customers so far that year! This pub featured in a famous advert for Everest double-glazing many years ago.

The Smelters Arms pub in Consett drew its name from the huge former

steelworks which dominated the town until its closure in 1980. It had one of the most imposing pub signs as well as fascinating photographs of the former works - once the biggest in Europe - showing the danger that our

forefathers worked in.

Other interesting pub names from around the country include The Land o'Cakes in Manchester which derives from a Robert Burns quote "Hear Land o' cakes and brither Scots.." The widespread Three Horse Shoes comes about from the fact that most horses on their way to the blacksmith had lost a shoe and therefore only had three. The Anchor Made Forever in Bristol is so called because two miners discovered huge deposits of coal and proclaimed "We're made forever," While opposite used to stand blacksmith's forge which made ships anchors. Norfolk's Twenty Churchwardens took its name from the two churchwardens for each of the ten parishes in the area, they were presented with clay pipes and tankards engraved with the name of their parish for their personal use. The Three Men in a Boat in Walsall was called after the hilarious classic Victorian book of the same name.

Cultural resistance

In contrast to these historic and interesting pub names there is a modern trend for brewers to change the names of even ancient pubs. In their place we are plagued with cringe inducing Slug and Lettuces or Newt and Cucumbers. There is nothing meaningful about these stupid pub names any more than there is any real tradition in the faux Irish bars that have become all too common. Such changes are pulling threads from the tapestry of our national history.

One lamented passing is the Escape pub in London named in honour of the British servicemen who had escaped from prisoner of war camps. This pub is now a trendy wine bar called Mables, not a name to stand the test of time.

Some changes, to be fair, date back much further. Another Reformation shift saw many a Pope's Head become the Kings Head, and Lord Daresbury demanded that pubs with his title were changed as he became tired of his mail being sent to the pubs instead of to him!

A pub that maybe should change its name is the Live and Let Live in Oldham, in the light of intolerance to drinking alcohol by the Muslims who attacked it and tens of other pubs in last summer's riots. Shades of G. K. Chesterton's novel The Flying Inn, which deals with the escapades of a small group of cultural resistance fighters who run the last pub in a future England under Muslim rule.

One day, happier times could see new names in keeping with the spirit of the age - perhaps The Red, White, and Blue or The Nation Reborn. The latter's name might be unheard of at the moment but it will come - mark my words it will come - and I'm sure that many fellow patriots will raise a glass and drink with me to that!

Next month: British pub games ...

The Two Faces of David Blunkett

'I want to see us play a much bigger part in the asylum process in terms of the proportion of people seeking asylum that we take.'

*David Blunkett,
interviewed in the
Refugee Council's
magazine iNexile
December 2001*



*'Asylum seekers
must not see
Britain as a soft touch.'*
*David Blunkett,
April 2002*

'Where will New Labour be lying on asylum next?'

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